

Brookhaven
North Peachtree Creek Greenway

Stakeholder Committee Kick-off Meeting
July 28, 2015

Attendees:

- Carlos Perez
- David Barth
- Patrick Peters
- Mark Holmberg
- John Heath
- Robbie Patterson
- Betsy Eggers
- Ryan Barksdale
- Peggy Witt
- Katherine Moore
- Bob Otto
- Michael Diaz
- Denise Starling
- JP Staples
- Richard Meehan

1. Goals for the Corridor (post-it notes):

- Bike trail
- Build a destination bike path like the Beltline, but honoring the character of Buford Highway + Green
- East access to trails for running, walking, being in nature
- Bring people together and preserve the environment
- Connectivity & choices for ways to get around
- Safety, no crime

2. Introductions:

- Denise Starling, resident of District 1; background, building Path 400; excited about regional connectivity to 85 corridor, south fork trail, etc.; most concerned about land acquisition
- Ryan Barksdale, Jackson ____ condominiums; excited about trail; concerned about increased traffic, parking
- Betsy Eggers, North Fork Connectors; hope that corridor will move forward; working upstream, looking at Century Center mile in Chamblee,, connecting to Vista Hills City; exciting that we're moving forward; concerned about money
- JP Staples; dream that I could ride back on a trail all the way to mid-town, harkens to a European style of living; IT project manager; engaged in community, green space preservation; concerned about multiple
- Robbie Patterson, general manager of Microtel, excited about seeing this all get cleaned up, concerned over staging for construction

- Peggy Witt, real estate broker, on Pine Hills committee; a park to clean up the area would be great; how do we keep debris and crud from washing downhill into creek; personal property rights; crime and safety are huge; until zoning gets changed, going to be an issue
 - Michael Diaz, civil engineer, Ch2MHill, live in Lynwood Park, excited that community can get a park; opportunity to bring community together; safety and crime; Hispanic community
 - Bob Otto and Katherine Moore; path will come right around property, personal safety; what needs to be done to preserve property; community of 10 homes; residents are vehemently against anyone walking through back yards
3. Schedule: City to send out invitations for next two stakeholder meetings
 4. City wants this to be open and transparent process; have public input
 5. Committee members to let us know who else we should talk to
 6. Change "Garden Hills" to "Pine Hills" on PPT slide
 7. Final deliverable: similar to Path 400; corridor alignment(s), typical sections, cost estimates
 8. Another benefit is water quality, clean-up
 9. Need to focus on educational opportunities for kids
 10. Need to educate Brookhaven Development Authority re: economic benefits
 11. Don't want utopian, Disney-like experience near homes
 12. There are a lot of culverts that are old and narrow, could benefit from flood improvements, potential reduction of flood plain?
 13. Flood events are very dynamic, water comes up fast. What level of tolerance do we have for trail flooding?
 14. What's the plan for involving the Commercial property owners at Latin American Association, other commercial property owners; potentially reach out through Chamber of Commerce: need to discuss with City
 15. Other opportunities and challenges: Brookhaven police will be responsible for security
 16. Currently have homeless population living in corridor
 17. City will set up web page on City web site, will post the PPT to the site
 18. Connectivity to south fork is huge; without it it's really hard to sell the corridor

19. Comments re: Public Engagement Findings to Date: “if we could achieve half of these we would be ecstatic” (no other comments)
20. Preliminary evaluation criteria: eliminate “this alternative will”...
21. Commercial properties want liability indemnity. Some may be willing to grant access in exchange for City management, tax breaks (through TPL or others), etc.
22. Need recommendation for a “model mile”
23. Committee to organize a field trip with the City, see similar corridors
24. Concerned about flash flood, ability to escape
25. Identify contact person for consulting team, how to communicate with committee